

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, August 7, 1729.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, Aug. 2.

Malta, June 24.

ON Notice brought in here of some Prizes taken by two Barbary Rovers, a large Ship and a Tartane that were cruizing between the Islands Maretimo and Pantalaria; the Grand Master gave Orders for some Ships to go out and make Discovery of these Corsairs. This Service was undertaken by the St. John and the St. Vincent. On the 12th past, arriving near Pantalaria, they discovered 2 Vessels, whose Working made them presume they were the Enemies they were in quest of. As it was then near Night, the Maltese Commanders judged it not proper to draw any nearer; but, when Night came, they held a Council, and agreed that the St. John should sail away toward the Island Lampedosa. and the other continue its Course towards the Isle of Sicily. The 13th, about Day-break, the Enemy's Ship, being not above 2 Leagues from the St. Vincent, put out all the Sail it could carry, in order to come up with it; and being got within a League fired a Gun and put out the Turkish Colours: Our Ship answered with a Gun, and put out the Maltese Ensign. This the Turk no sooner perceived, but he veer'd about and stood to Sea. The Frigate pursued, and at 9 before Noon came up within Pistol-shot, when th' Engagement began equally brisk on both Sides: But after a continual and reciprocal Firing of four Hours, during which the Turk lost his Main-mast, Mizzen mast, and almost all the Fore-tackling, she was obliged to yield to the Maltese Frigate, tho' of considerable less Force. This Ship was, some Years ago, given by the Grand Signor to the Bey of Tripoli, who made it his Admiral, and it bore the Flag as such. It came from Tripoli 20 Days ago, mounted with 48 Guns, and 14 Brass Patereroes upon the Quarter-deck; their Equipage consisted of 400 Men, including 33 Christian Slaves, who all escaped unhurt, altho' only 267 of the Mahometans were left alive, a great many of which were dangerously wounded. The Maltese lost only 4 Mariners kill'd outright, and

10 slightly wounded; it lost also some of its Rigging: But all that did not hinder the Maltese to take their Prize in Tow, and by Dint of Oar, to conduct it into this Port, which it entered the 16th Inst. The Capture of this Ship is by so much the more advantageous to the Order, as she, being an excellent Sailer, was wont yearly to go a cruizing, and carried off a great many Christian Vessels.

London. Monday an elderly Woman came with a Deal Box under her Arm, to the Gardner's at Gray's-Inn, and told him she came from a Lady in that Neighbourhood, (of whom he had some Acquaintance) who desired that her favourite Cat, which was dead and inclosed in that Box, might be put under the Ground in those Gardens, for doing which she had sent him a small Present. The Gardner did as he was requested, and going home. related the Story to his Wife, who would not be satisfied till she went and had the Box opened, and in it was found a Male Infant dead. Diligent Search is making after the Woman.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Aug. 2.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland, and two from Flanders.

THE Fleet continues at Spithead, and People of all Ranks do still repair thither to see it, for whose sailing the Wind is very fair: But if we may credit the Advices brought by the Holland Mail, there will be no occasion for their putting to Sea, nor for the Cabinet Courier Bannieres to take another Trip into Spain. For the Letters from Port St. Mary's of the 14th past N. S. positively affirm, That all things there are fully disposed for a general Pacification, and that in the King's Name Assurances have been given to all the Merchants of the several respective Nations established at Cadix, that the Effects of the Gallions and the Quicksilver Ships shall in a very few Days be distributed to the Persons concerned, at an Indulto of 15 per Cent. on the first, and 5 per Cent. on the latter; and that fresh Orders are likewise sent to Cadix, that



that the Flotilla designed for America, consisting of 21 Sail, must absolutely depart before the End of the said Month. And those from Paris by the above Mail say, that they had received such Informations as left no room to doubt but that the Peace with Spain is concluded; since that on the 30th past N. S. one of the India Company Directors published on the Exchange the good News which had been imparted to the said Company by the Comptroller-General of the Finances, that there is only a few Articles of small Importance to be regulated. 'Tis expected we shall very soon have the same good News inserted here by Authority, to the great Joy and Satisfaction of the Nation, which have long labour'd under a State of Uncertainty, to the great Detriment of Trade, &c. 'Tis said that several of the Sailors belonging to the Fleet at Spithead have Leave given them to go on Shore for certain Days, and that the Dutch Squadron will be speedily ordered home.

Last Wednesday 20,000 l. was issued out of the Exchequer for the Lords lately Proprietors of Carolina, being the Remainder of the Purchase-money for the Sale of that Province to the Crown. The same Day the Secretary to the Committee of the House of Commons set out for Kingston, to attend the Trial of the Keeper and Underkeeper of the Marshalsea, and carried with him the several Instruments of Torture with which they executed their Cruelties, to be produced in Evidence against them.

We learn from Tunbridge, that there is a great Company there this Season; among others the Abps. of Canterbury and York, Duke and Dutchess of Chandois, the Duke and Dutchess of Manchester, Lord and Lady Fitzwater, Lord and Lady Lynn, Marquis of Caernarvan, and William and Daniel Pountney Esqs.

Yesterday the Underkeeper of the Marshalsea Prison, Mr. Aston, was tried at Kingston Assizes, upon an Indictment for the Murder of Mr. Bliss, a Prisoner in his Custody, soon after he had been head-screw'd with an Iron Cap; but acquitted. However, we hear he was to be tried this Day upon a 2d Indictment, for the Murder of one Newton, whom he had thumb-screw'd; the Issue whereof we can't yet learn.

The Letters from on board the Cornwall tell us, that on the 29th past 2 Months Pay, pursuant to the Act, was paid to the Fleet at Spithead. Whatever Expence this may occasion, cannot but be

cheerfully complied with; since, than which nothing could more contribute to such a near Conclusion of Peace, as we are told by the above Advices it is brought to; for the Confirmation of which we must wait the Arrival of the next foreign Mails.

John Keck of Berkshire, Esq; is not dead, but dangerously ill. The Duke de Ripperda has hired a House in Soho Square.

From the Weekly Medley, July 26.

Ever since Courier Bannieres arrived at Paris, and has deceived the Expectations of all Europe, we have had a Cessation of political Chat in all our Papers, both foreign and domestic. Every one being in the dark, with respect to the Contents of the Dispatches brought by that important Man, have busied their Brains about guessing, and have imagined a thousand pretty Things. Some say a Truce for 14 Years is actually agreed on; others, that 'tis not yet concluded, but are in daily Expectation it will soon be. As for us, who have *Minerva* on our side, we rest contented with what is doing, and do not in the least question but that all is conducted with the *profoundest* Wisdom, and that one Day or other it will *shine out* as bright as the Sun at *Mid day*, notwithstanding the *Surmises* of some *Malevolents*.

From a Weekly Journal, Aug. 2.

Paris. The Courier Bannieres is now thought to be one of the cunningest Men breathing: He walks about with his *speculative* Cap, and puzzles the Sculls of the most refin'd Politicians, to guess what he carries underneath it. Several Couriers have lately arrived from different Courts of Europe, with a great Shew of Business; but there is no penetrating into their Affairs. All this while we have the Happiness to see our Plenipotentiaries sit quiet, as if they had nothing to do.

'Tis now discovered, that the Courier Bannieres did not succeed in any Part of his Business; for having brought from Spain 4 Monkeys, one of them committed a scandalous Crime against his Patron, and was surprized in the very Fact, viz. of eating up half his Saddle, and unlacing his Hat. This so provok'd the Courier, that he drew his Sabre and cut off every one of their Heads. Whether any of the deceas'd were charg'd with Instructions more than has been made publick, we cannot take upon us to determine; but for any Thing we know, they might have been as well employed as the other.

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The Harbour of Dunkirk is putting into a good Condition; the Trade of which Place is of late considerable increased: There are now 28 large Piles mortised into the Works underneath, from whence they were cut off at the Demolition, which remained sound and strong on the Sides: So that we expect to see that Place once more in a flourishing Way!!! They are securing also all the Places along the Coast!

From the Evening Post, Aug. 2.

Rome, July 16. On Tuesday the Chevalier de St. George went to visit the Princess Piombino, at her Country Seat of Lodovise.

London, Aug. 2. His Majesty's Ship the *Wexel*, failed last Week from Portsmouth from France, to buy Brandy, &c. for the Fleet under Sir Ch. Wager. At Bullen, a Company of French Archers came on board and demanded a Deserter from the French Service: The Captain went ashore with the Person so claimed, who made it appear he had never been in the French Service, and so was dismissed.

Last Thursday Night a Charter was granted by a Committee of Council at the Cockpit, for working Mines and Minerals in Scotland, and Sir John Eyles, a Proprietor therein, was allowed Governor of said Mines, &c.

S. S. Stock, 101, 5 8ths.

Extract of a Letter from Mess. Michael and Richard Harris, dated at Barcelona July 24.

No manner of Business has been stirring here for some time past; and as the People have reaped a plentiful Harvest, the Corn Trade is now over. The Vintage promises well. 'Tis hoped we shall soon know our Doom; for it is certain, our residing at this juncture among these People, can no otherwise be than as Courtesy or Favour from them; and whatever Insults or Impositions they lay on us, must be patiently born with. Last Week they turned us out of our House, because no other pleased the Governor; and when we insisted on some Satisfaction to be made us for th' Money we had laid out on the said House and Warehouses, to make them convenient for our Business, they only gave us a few Hours time to move, and treated us in a barbarous Manner; for which we have no Remedy but Patience.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Aug. 2.

Gibraltar, July 4. We still enjoy a perfect Tranquillity, and Admiral Cavendish continues here with his Squadron.

Berlin, Aug. 2. By Order of his Majesty the new Levies are again begun in this City and in the Imperial Towns.

London, Aug. 2. Yesterday the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Illy set out for Scotland.

On the 16th past, 3 Spanish Men of War failed from Cadix (as reported) for Carthage.

Edinburgh, August 7. On Tuesday Evening last, Captain Robert Oliphant, of Colonel Cuninghams Regiment in the Service of the States of Holland, riding from Leith to his Brother's House of Lochend, unfortunately fell from his Horse, and was so crush'd with the Fall, that he died Instantly.

Yesterday Morning came into Leith Harbour the *Elebo*, David Weems. from Dantzic. As did James Millar's Vessel from Norway; and that of Thomas Robertson from Orkney, with Fish.

Extract of a Letter to a Gentleman of this Place from on board the Ship Castle of Bristol, Captain Montgomery, dated at Old Malabar, March 10th, 1729.

"----- We are just now firing Half-minute Guns
" for the Death of *Ambos* King of Calabar. Our
" Captain is gone ashore to the Funeral, with our
" Piper, Fidler and Drummer. The Inhabitants
" have this Morning killed five of his Wives, and
" this Afternoon they are to kill ten of his Wives
" and Slaves, who are all heartily willing to step
" into the other World with him: Some of those
" who are killed are roasted and boiled, for Meat to
" the Company. All the Women in the Towns
" along the River, to the Number of 700, are running about the Place of his Interment, uttering
" strange and hideous Cries; while all sorts of Music is playing. Great Quantities of rich Goods
" is thrown into the Ground with the Corpse, &c.

This Day (being the 24th of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith at 8 o' Clock, 42 Min. Tomorrow, at 9, 30 Min. On Saturday, at 10, 18 Min.

[179] That on Thursday the 18th Instant, betwixt 2 and 4 a clock after Noon, in the Laigh Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, is to be exposed to Sale by way of publick Roup, the Lands of HERDMAN-SHEELS, with the Pertinents, extending of free yearly Rent (after Deduction of Minister's Stipend and Schoolmaster's Salary) to 1000 L. 4 sh. 8 d. Scots, lying in the Parish of West-Caldor and Sheriffsdom of Mid-Lothian, and holding *Blanche Feu* of the Lord Torphichen. There is a convenient Old House on the Lands, and 19 Acres fine Ground, all inclosed with a good Stone Dyke, and planted all round with good Gardens with old and young Planting therein, with a fine Water running thro' the Inclosure, Particulars may be seen in the Hands of James Syme Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in the Foot of Kennedy's Close.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

By Order of the Honourable Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs,

These give notice, That several Parcels of BRANDY, TEA, &c. condemned in Exchequer in Lambmas Term last, are to be exposed to publick Sale, in the Customhouse of Leith, on Tuesday the 12th Inst. between the Hours of Twelve and One. The Particulars of the Goods, and Conditions of Sale, to be seen at the Customhouse of Leith, and the Goods themselves on the Day of Sale, at Customhouse Hours, before the Sale.

Advertisement from the Trustees of MERCHISTON, BLAIR and LETHEM.

The TRUSTEES having prepared all things for a Sale of the Lands of Merchiston, resolve, That the Ranking shall be immediately finished, that so a Dividend may be made without Delay, when the Money comes to be paid: This is therefore to advertise all the Creditors of the respective common Debtors, that they forthwith Depone before the ARBITERS upon the Verity of their Debts; and for that Purpose, Attendance will be given by the Arbiters in John's Coffeehouse, upon each Friday and Wednesday in the Week (betwixt the Hours of 4 and 5 in the Afternoon) till the Middle of August, for taking the Creditors Oaths; who are intreated to come in speedily for that purpose, that so their own Affairs may not be prolonged. Such as cannot come in, may apply to the Arbiters, by their Doers, for a Commission; which will be granted, if they shew a reasonable Cause or Impediment why they cannot come in to depone at Edinburgh.

To be Sold,

A convenient, large, well-finish'd LODGING, about the Middle of Cant's Close, below the Sign of the Sun; consisting of five Fire-rooms, a Kitchen, four large well-lighted Closets and two dark ones, besides several Presses and other Conveniencies, with two Cellars off the Kitchen, and a Garret above it. The Lodging has a handsome little Grass-yard, and enters off the Close by a Gate, all within itself. Enquire at James Muirhead's Coffee-house; or, a good Progress of Writs may be seen in the Hands of John Buchanan Writer, in Mrs. Don's Close.

That the Lands called *The THIRD*, with the Loch adjoined thereto, lying within the Parish of Martoun and Shire of Berwick, (the free yearly Rent thereof amounting to the Sum of Eleven Hundred Merks Scots Money, or thereby) are to be exposed to Sale by voluntar Roup, upon the 24th Day of November next, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 4 in the Afternoon, in John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh. The Rental, Progress, and Articles of Sale, may be seen in the Hands of John Hay Writer to the Signet, at his House in the Parliament-Close, or with the Proprietor, at his House at Bemerside, lying in the West-end of the Merse, in the said Parish of Martoun.

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By ADJOURNMENT,

That the Mansion-house of WEST-PANS, at the East-end of Musselburgh-links, consisting of 6 Fire-rooms, two Closets, besides Garrets, with 7 Cellars or Salt Girdles, and a Yard consisting of 3 Quarters of an Acre, well inclosed with a strong high Stone Dike, as also a double Dovecoat, with some Rocks and Bucket-pors for building of Salt pans, a White-stone Quarrey within the Yard, and several other Conveniencies; all holding Feu of the Town of Musselburgh, for Payment of Six Shillings and eight Pennies Scots yearly: ARE to be Sette or Sold, by way of voluntary Roup, on Saturday next the 9th Inst. at 2 o'Clock after Noon, in the House of Thomas Tod Clerk of Musselburgh. The Conditions of the Roup and Progress of the Writs, to be seen in the Hands of Archbald Tod Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in Craig's Close. Any who has a mind to see the House, &c. may call for James Gray Salt-Officer at West-pans, or Thomas Forrest Weaver there, who will show them the same.

By Order of the Trustees of the Creditors of WILLIAM DOUGLAS of GLENBERVY and ROBERT DOUGLAS of SCOTSCRAIG,

The Roup and Sale of the Lands and Estate of SCOTSCRAIG, FOODY and FINGASK, is Prorogate to Tuesday the Eleventh of November next, within the House of Mrs. Thom Vintner, Edinburgh, twixt the Hours of 3 & 5 in the Afternoon. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of WILLIAM FORBES Writer to the Signet.

BY ADJOURNMENT,

There is to be exposed by voluntary Roup, in the House of Robert Biggar Vintner in Edinburgh, upon Friday the 8th August Inst. at 3 a clock in the Afternoon, the Lands and Barony of Newton of Falkland, lying in the Shire of Fife, holding Feu of the Crown, paying yearly 82 Bolls 2 Firloths 2 Pecks Bear, 32 Bolls Oats, and 529 L. 12 sh. 6 d. Scots of free Rent, after all Deductions. The said Lands are to be sold jointly or separately. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Sale are to be seen in the Hands of John Russell of Braidshaw, Writer to the Signet, at his Writing-chamber opposite to the Cross-well; likewise in the Hands of Thomas Aisom Writer in Glentarchie.

The Trustees for the Creditors of the deceased JAMES BROWNHILL, do hereby give notice to all the said Creditors, to come in and prove their Accompts due to them by the Defunct, and to take out their Decree of Cognition on or before the First of September next: With Certification, That the Trustees will then proceed to raise their general Charge and Constitution against the Defunct's Heirs, in order to adjudge and affect his heritable Estate; whereby those Creditors who neglect to prove and cognosce their Debts, will lose the Benefit of that Diligence, in the Person of the Trustees.